

RESOLUTION NO. _____-2016

EXPRESSING the City of Cincinnati's support for the recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that all indigenous people add to our City; and **URGING** other businesses, organizations, and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati recognizes the annexation of indigenous homelands for the building of our City, and knows indigenous nations have lived upon this land since time immemorial, and values the progress our society has accomplished through American Indian technology, thought, and culture; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati understands that in order to help close the equity gap between indigenous people and the rest of society, government entities, organizations and other public institutions should change their policies to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, the idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, in 1990, representatives from 120 indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati recognizes the past injustices to all Native American nations and as a gesture of reconciliation desires to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati in 2011 and 2012, in the spirit of truth telling, proclaimed First Americans Day as an honorary title for "Columbus Day" in Cincinnati, and the City understands the need for continued work in the spirit of truth telling; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati hereby urges that Indigenous Peoples Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that all indigenous people add to our City; and

WHEREAS, the City of Cincinnati hereby urges that other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That the Mayor and Council support the recognition of Indigenous Peoples Day, on the second Monday in October, which is the national holiday now known as Columbus Day, to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of indigenous people of this land, and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that all indigenous people add to our City.

Section 2. That the Mayor and Council urge other businesses, organizations and public entities to recognize Indigenous Peoples Day.

Section 3. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council.

Passed: _____, 2016

John Cranley, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Yvette Simpson